

Reaching a Journalistic Milestone

The News American today passes a journalistic milestone achieved by few other American newspapers — our 200th year of publishing.

Our Bicentennial insignia, pictured at left, will be frequently displayed during the coming 12 months as we move forward to our 200th birthday next August.

As the first newspaper published in Baltimore, our lineal ancestor, The Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser, was running

its press even before there was a United States of America. The infant Journal, witness to the drama of the American Revolution, quickly established itself as a responsible publication, and within a few years became the most widely read paper in the colonies.

In 1799, the paper adopted the name American and Daily Advertiser, and the word American remains in its title to this day.

As a witness to Baltimore's growth during this time, The News

American today begins a series of historical articles reflecting upon its past two centuries here. These features will run for the next twelve months, and each one will bring to light a different aspect of life in Baltimore for centuries.

Published within Extra Magazine, the magazine of The News American, these special historical articles are intended to serve as a permanent addition to local history and will contain pertinent information about Baltimore that has never been previously collected in one source.

The scope of these historical pieces will be the development of Baltimore, through the role played by her oldest newspaper. The personalities, events, crises, and sidelights will not be neglected in this series.

In short, The News American will look at what made Baltimore the city it is today and the city it promises to become.